

# "SCENE AROUND LIMERICK"

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Gunga O'Brien on being re-elected "Mayor of Kilkee" for the second year running, and to Fongo Ryan for being elected "Deputy Mayor."

**WEDNESDAY** night last at the Two Mile Inn Ger Cusack was presented with a little black kitten by the Editor of the "Limerick Leader" and "Limerick Chronicle," Mr. Tom Tobin. The reason for the presentation: Ger was celebrating his birthday. And what nicer gift could one get? Ger told me afterwards that he was going to name the kitten "Isadora."

**I WAS AT** the An Oige dance in the Royal George a few weeks ago. Red Hurley and the Wheels were there. I thought they were tops. They will be appearing in the George at the An Oige dance again next Tuesday night.

**SORRY TO** see Grannie's lead guitarist, Johnny Hockedy, quit the group.

**LOOKING** forward to seeing Danny Doyle in the Hotel Green Hills tonight.

**MAXIE, DICK & TWINK** are really making a very big name for themselves. On Thursday night at the Big Tree, Caherconlish, they were superb. The crowd really enjoyed their style of sing-song. Then in the Hotel Green Hills on last night they once again proved how good they are.

**TOMMY DRENNAN** and the Monarchs will have another new single out next week. It could be another big hit for them. The name of the song, "Little Boy Lost/Days Done."

**DIVINE DICKEY** was in great form as well on Wednesday night, with Murty and John on guitar. By the way, John is the only singer I have heard who can sing "Danny Boy" the right way.

**MR. MAURICE JOHNSON**, general manager of the Savoy Cinema, deserves a word of congratulations for the splendid show he presented on Tuesday night last with world famous Roy Orbison, Karen Young, the Recordites, the Art Movement and, of course, Ireland's top ballad group, the Pattersons.



Strong of the Plattermen.

**OD HAS REALLY STRONG VOICE**

**STRONG** is a good example of the success achieved when a band member is brought out of the shadows and is featured up front. In Rod's case he now shares the spotlight with Simon Scott. Both are the lead singers with the Platter-

Plattermen have always been very popular.

They have had their ups and downs and at the same time always been consistent. Generally I think they were really appreciated for their musical talent by the majority of dancers.

Their last record which was full of sweat and tears was "Smiling Phases", the Winwood song, was definitely good, but when it came out first it was greeted with surprise more than anything else.

It will be interesting to see if Rod, Simon and the boys can make it here.

One would hope that they will continue to raise the standard of musical policy, at the same time being able to keep playing those songs requested by fans every-

Plattermen are indeed fortunate to have not one but two lead singers.

## Sounds

and Simon compliment each other vocally and between them they are able to cover

# SCENE



BY PADDY TOBIN

# AROUND



## Larry jumps for joy after 'Atlantic hop'

**LARRY CUNNINGHAM** is back in Ireland's Top Ten this week with "Mother Queen Of My Heart," to join fellow Release Records' star, Dermot Hegarty, who is still at No. 1 with "21 Years."

Larry had just returned from what must have been the longest journey for a "one-night-stand" in showbusiness history when he heard of his latest chart success.

The country music "King" had flown out to New York's plush Americana Hotel to appear for twenty minutes before an audience of millionaires and business tycoons!

### Long way

"I used to think that a trip to Skibbereen or Letterkenny was a long way to go for a dance-date," Larry smiled.

"But after the 'Atlantic hop', Donegal is only up the road!"

"Seriously, though, the audience over there was wonderful to me and I have been invited

**GREAT 'CRACK' AT THE KITCH INN**

As from Monday night next for the next ten weeks in the Kitch Inn, at Geary's Hotel, Limerick, a ballad show will be staged every night from 9 to 11.30. (Admission, 5/-).